

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2816 - SB 2737

February 10, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes railroad authorities to negotiate rehabilitation contracts in lieu of competitive bidding, subject to approval by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Authorizing railroad authorities to negotiate rehabilitation contracts could result in either a slight increase or decrease to the average maximum liability of a contract resulting in not significant net impact to local governments.
- Because contracts are subject to review by TDOT, there will not be a significant increase or decrease in a contract's maximum liability.
- TDOT currently performs audits of all railroad authority contracts. Authorizing railroad authorities to negotiate contracts will not result in a significant impact to TDOT.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive.

James W. White, Executive Director

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